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## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Informants advise CARLOS BULOSAN, 123 North Manhattan Place, Los Angeles, reportedly a Communist and in contact with HUK leaders in the Philippines. AURELIO BULOSAN, brother of CARLOS, also reported to have gone to Philippines and contacted HUKS. FRANCES LAVA WRIGHT, 330 West Willow Grove Avenue, Philadelphia, daughter of former HUK leader. Her uncle, JESUS LAVA, now Secretary General of Communist Party in Philippines and head of the Polit Bureau, according to informant. CATHERINE PORTER, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C., employed by Institute of Pacific Relations from 1926-1944 and was member of Institute as of 1948; also employed by State Department as of 1948. Background information re NICKOLAI PROKUSHKIN set out.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

CARLOS BULOSAN

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R456 SEP 5 1961 CARLOS BULOSAN, 123 North Manhattan Place, Los Angeles, California, is a free lance writer and was born April 12, 1912, at Binaconn, Pangasinan, Philippine Islands. He is not a naturalized citizen of the United States.

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On October 31, 1942, Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised that BULOSAN was reportedly a Communist and was active among Filipino groups. T-1 added that the subject's brother, AURELIO BULUSAN, was also a "rabid Communist."

On September 9, 1950, Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised that CARLOS BULOSAN was present at a social affair sponsored by the Northwest Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born. T-2 advised that this Northwest Committee was a branch of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born (ACFPB) in the northwest section of the United States.

This social affair was held at the home of PONCE TORRES, 1346 13th Avenue, South Seattle, Washington, in whose home the subject resided while he was in Seattle, Washington. Concerning TORRES, PEDRO M. BAUTISTA on May 17, 1949, furnished a signed statement to officials of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service at Seattle, identifying TORRES as being a member of the Cannery Workers Branch of the Communist Party during 1938 and 1939. BAUTISTA stated he observed TORRES present at meetings of the Cannery Branch of the CP during 1938 and 1939 in Seattle, Washington.

Mr. ALFREDO T. FAJARDO, NP Hotel, Seattle, Washington, in a signed statement to officials of the Immigration and Naturalization Service at Seattle, Washington, on June 3, 1949, also identified TORRES as being in attendance in CP meetings in Seattle.

T-2 has advised that during 1949 and 1950 TORRES was observed by him to attend many meetings sponsored by the Northwest Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born.

The ACPFB has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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In October, 1950, Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised that CARLOS BULOSAN, under the name of "JULIE", had written to AMADO V. HERNANDEZ, Manila City Councilor and President of the Philippine Congress of Labor Organizations, and the letter reflected collaboration between HERNANDEZ and BULOSAN in connection with the preparation of Communist propaganda for subsequent publication in periodicals in the Philippines.

On November 8, 1950, Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised he had known CARLOS BULOSAN for a number of years and that BULOSAN had two brothers, JOSEPH BULOSAN and AURELIO BULOSAN. According to T-4, AURELIO BULOSAN went to the Philippines several years ago and was supposed to have contacted the HUKS as a representative of some unknown organization in Los Angeles. According to T-4, the HUKS are infiltrated by Filipino Communist Party members in the Philippines and are led by LOUIS TARUC.

On May 17, 1951, Confidential Informant T-5, of unknown reliability, advised that CARLOS BULOSAN had stated that he (BULOSAN) was in contact with LOUIS TARUC, HUK leader in the Philippines, and that he contemplated in getting an original signed message from TARUC which BULOSAN planned on publishing in the Philippine press in the United States.

On May 29, 1951, T-5 advised that BULOSAN had stated that he, BULOSAN, knew every Filipino Communist on the West Coast of the United States. BULOSAN also stated that he wanted the informant to join "the world movement" and while talking, drew a large letter "C" on the table. On May 30, 1951, T-5 advised that BULOSAN had a dinner party at his home and DOROTHY BABB was among those in attendance. According to the informant, the evening was spent in discussing JOHN BRIGHT, a scenario writer.

Concerning DOROTHY BABB, Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, advised on April 24, 1951, that she had been a member of the Communist Party in Los Angeles from 1938 to 1945. In the spring of 1947, Confidential Informant T-7, of known reliability, advised that BABB had been dropped from the Los Angeles County CP because of illness.

Concerning JOHN BRIGHT, Confidential Informant T-8, of known reliability, who was a member of the CP from 1938 to 1945 in the Hollywood Cultural Section, advised that BRIGHT was also a member of this section.

On October 16, 1951, T-4 advised that he considered BULOSAN to be a Communist but added that BULOSAN had engaged in no Communist activities that he knew of. Informant stated that it was common knowledge in the Philippine Colony in Los Angeles that BULOSAN was a Communist.

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~~FRANCES LAVA WRIGHT~~  
Nee ~~FRANCES PROPPER LAVA~~;  
Mrs. WILLIAM J. WRIGHT, JR.

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FRANCES LAVA WRIGHT, nee LAVA, is the daughter of VINCENTE LAVA, deceased and former advisor to the HUKS. She came to the United States September 7, 1948, on a student visa; married WILLIAM JENKS WRIGHT JR., an American citizen who presently resides at 330 West Willow Grove Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

On April 27, 1948, Confidential Informant T-9, of known reliability, stated that FRANCES LAVA in April, 1948, indicated to ~~WILLIAM J. WRIGHT JR.~~ that her father, ~~VINCENTE LAVA~~, had joined the Communist Party in 1934 and at the start of the Second World War, VINCENTE LAVA was head of the Communist Party in the Philippines. According to the informant, VINCENTE LAVA died in September, 1947.

Confidential Informant T-10, another Government agency in October 1951 advised that [REDACTED]

Regarding CATHERINE PORTER, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C., an acquaintance of FRANCES WRIGHT since February,

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1939, and who submitted favorable affidavits in connection with Mrs. WRIGHT's application for suspension of deportation, the following information is set forth:

CATHERINE ~~X~~ PORTER was born September 18, 1898, Holyoke, Massachusetts, and as of 1948, was employed by OIE, Department of State, Washington, D.C., as Chief, Philippine Branch. From 1926 to 1944, PORTER was employed by the American Institute of Pacific Relations as a research worker, writer, and editor, and as of 1948, was a member of the IPR. While employed by the IPR, PORTER's supervisor was EDWARD C. ~~X~~ CARTER who was also instrumental in the organization of the Russian War Relief, Incorporated.

It is noted that Russian War Relief, Incorporated, was officially organized and started by the American-Russian Institute for Cultural Relations with the Soviet Union, which is an affiliate of the Society of Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries (VOKS), Moscow.

Relative to CATHERINE PORTER, it is further noted that she has had a series of articles on far eastern affairs published in several periodicals, namely: "Far Eastern Survey", "Pacific Affairs", and "Amerasia."

NICKOLAI PROKUSHKIN, aka NICKOLI PROKUSHKIN


It is noted that informant T-10 in April, 1951, advised

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T-10 stated that



ENCLOSURE:

TO SAN FRANCISCO:

One photograph of NICKOLAI PROKUSHKIN on board  
the President Grant.

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It is noted that Miss CATHERINE PORTER was the subject of a case entitled, "CATHERINE PORTER; Special Inquiry, State Department, Public Law 402, 80th Congress (VOICE OF AMERICA)", Bufile 123-351. It is also noted that Bulet to WFO dated 6/13/51 in this case reflects that in April, 1950, LOUIS F. BUDENZ indicated he knew CATHERINE PORTER to be a Communist from official reports; however, upon re-interview on 8/30/50, BUDENZ was unable to identify CATHERINE PORTER mentioned in investigative section of this report as being CATHERINE PORTER previously stated by him to be one of the 400 concealed Communists known to him.

This report has been given the classification of "~~SECRET~~" because information furnished by Confidential Informant T-10, which is included in this report, carries the classification "~~SECRET~~".

INFORMANTS

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- T-1. . . [redacted] as reflected in report of SA H. EDWARD WHITE (A), Los Angeles, dated January 30, 1951, entitled, "CARLOS BULOSAN; Security Matter-C".
- T-2. . . [redacted] as reflected in Seattle letter to the Bureau dated 11/16/50, entitled, "CARLOS BULOSAN, Security Matter-C".
- T-3. . . Letter from [redacted] OSI, Fort Richardson, Alaska, as set out in Anchorage letter to Bureau dated 3/31/51.
- T-4. . . [redacted] as reflected in report of SA H. EDWARD WHITE (A), Los Angeles, dated 1/30/51, entitled, "CARLOS BULOSAN, Security Matter-C".
- T-5. . . [redacted] as reflected in report of SA H. EDWARD WHITE (A), Los Angeles, dated 10/31/51, entitled, "CARLOS BULOSAN, Security Matter-C".
- T-6. . . [redacted]
- T-7. . . [redacted]

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T-8. . . [REDACTED]

(Informants T-6, T-7, T-8 were reflected in report of SA H. EDWARD WHITE (A), Los Angeles, dated 10/31/51, entitled, "CARLOS BULOSAN, Security Matter - C.")

T-9. . . [REDACTED]

as reflected in WFO letter to Bureau dated 5/1/48, entitled, "VINCENTE LAVA; FRANCES LAVA; WILLIAM J. WRIGHT JR; SECURITY MATTER - C."

T-10 . . . [REDACTED]

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T-11 . . . [REDACTED]

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Informant T-2 in report of SA JAMES O. NEWPHER, Washington, D.C., dated 3/5/51.

T-12 . . . [REDACTED]

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PHILADELPHIA OFFICE:AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA:

Will ascertain FRANCES WRIGHT's associates and activities and her possible connection with the HUKS.

LOS ANGELES OFFICE:AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

Will report on pertinent information on CARLOS BULOSAN and his brother, AURELIO BULOSAN, and their possible connection with the HUKS.

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE:AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

Will ascertain if NICKOLAI PROKUSHKIN mentioned in this report is identical with NICHOLAS PROKOOSHKIN, 438 A Haight Street, San Francisco.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE:AT WASHINGTON, D.C.:

Will maintain contact with available sources for additional information in this case.



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REFERENCE: Bureau Letter to WFO dated October 29, 1951.  
Report of SA PAUL B. GIBSON, Philadelphia, dated November 8, 1951.  
Philadelphia Letter to Bureau dated November 8, 1951.  
Reports of SA E. EDWARD WHITE (A), Los Angeles, dated January 30, 1951; May 19, 1951; October 31, 1951, entitled, "CARLOS BULOSAN, was, Security Matter-C."